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9-20 a.m. Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Sir, may I know whether the Government have got any scheme to develop this area of 19,000 acres in the Wenlock Downs; and if so, what is the scheme?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I have just answered in Tamil that there is a big programme for planting wattle and bluegum in the Wenlock Downs.

Development of the minor ports of Beypore and Kavvai in Malabar

* 257 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the amount sanctioned by the Government for the development of the Minor Port of Beypore in Malabar district?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : The hon. Member presumably refers to Beypore Wharf of Kozhikode Port. The following two schemes for the development of the wharf have been included in the Second Five-Year Plan :—

(1) Provision of a Grab Dredger, Rs. 2,00,000.

(2) Provision of an Aga Buoy, Rs. 20,000.

The estimates for these schemes have not yet been sanctioned.

* 258 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently made some enquiries regarding the development of the Minor Port of Kavvai, Payyanur, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the result of such enquiries?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) & (*b*) As there is no minor port now at Kavvai, the question of developing it does not arise. The suggestion of the hon. Member for the opening of a port at the place, in a representation received from him is, however, under consideration.

Labour disputes in textile mills

* 259 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of labour disputes in textile mills of the State during the year 1956;

(*b*) the number of strikes during the same period;

(*c*) the number of conciliations conducted by the Labour department; and

(*d*) the number of cases referred to for adjudication?